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Applicant: Jose M. G.-M.) RE: **RESPONSE**
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C., 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action that was mailed on June 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the prosecution history of the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace currently pending Claims 12-14 and 47 with amended Claims 12-14 and 47, which are set forth in the enclosed Appendix A. (Appendix B, which is enclosed herewith, shows how currently